

**PLANNING AND ZONING
PUBLIC WORKSHOP
September 24, 2012**

A Public Workshop was held on Monday, September 24, 2012, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at Madison Middle School, 4630 Madison Avenue. The purpose of tonight's forum was to obtain public input on how they perceive Trumbull as it exists today and what its future should be going forward.

Commission Members Present: Arlyne Fox, Richard Deecken, Tony Silber, Fred Garrity, Don Scinto

Staff Present: Edward Lavernowich, Director of Economic and Community Development; Jamie Bratt, Director of Planning and Development, Douglas Wenz, Zoning Enforcement Officer and Fred Bietsch

Upon arrival, residents participated in a survey prioritizing the things about Trumbull they took pride in and the areas that needed to be addressed. The public were also asked to indicate on an aerial map the location of their residence.

The forum's facilitators were Heidi Samokar and Glenn Chandler of Planimetrics, the planning consultants engaged to assist with the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development update.

Ms. Samokar informed the audience that the purpose of the Plan of Conservation and Development was to set the Town's long range goals and provide guidance as to how to achieve them. The POCD is a document mandated by the State and required to be looked at and amended, if necessary, at certain intervals.

The results of the residents' responses were then addressed. Mr. Samokar was pleased that the home locations listed showed the audience as being a representation of all areas of Town.

The points of pride were then looked at. Areas mentioned most frequently were the Rails to Trails, Tashua Golf Course (many recreation options are located there), our beautiful parks, Westfield Mall (good tax base and retail much improved), the Town Library, school system and the Industrial Parks.

Areas listed as needing attention related to the Town having no definitive center, traffic congestion on lower Main Street, the need for more business variety such as restaurants and night life options, the ongoing issues at the Hillcrest pool and the need for a family community center.

The importance of retaining Trumbull's residential character was also stressed and that the Town's colonial nature be incorporated into new construction.

The tally revealed the number one priority to be business development with community facilities and infrastructure second and third.

Upon inquiry regarding the process going forward, Ms. Samokar responded that all input and information gathered will be evaluated and presented to the P&Z Commission at a Special Meeting to be held in October. Once a final draft has been completed and tentatively approved by the Commission, the public will have an opportunity to review it and voice their comments at an additional public forum. The final phase will consist of approval and adoption.

This concluded the Public Forum.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Granskog, Clerk